

ON A CONJECTURE REGARDING ENUMERATION OF N-TIMES PERSYMMETRIC MATRICES OVER \mathbb{F}_2 BY RANK

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RÉSUMÉ. Dans cet article nous annonçons une conjecture concernant l'énumération de n - fois matrices persymétriques sur \mathbb{F}_2 par le rang. Pour justifier notre assertion nous faisons remarquer que les formules obtenues sont valables pour n égal à un, deux et trois.

ABSTRACT. In this paper we announce a conjecture concerning enumeration of n -times persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 by rank. To justify our statement we remark that the formulas obtained are valid for n equal to one, two and three.

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1. SOME NOTATIONS CONCERNING THE FIELD OF LAURENT SERIES

$$\mathbb{F}_2((T^{-1}))$$

We denote by $\mathbb{F}_2((T^{-1})) = \mathbb{K}$ the completion of the field $\mathbb{F}_2(T)$, the field of rational functions over the finite field \mathbb{F}_2 , for the infinity valuation $\mathfrak{v} = \mathfrak{v}_\infty$ defined by $\mathfrak{v}\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \deg B - \deg A$ for each pair (A,B) of non-zero polynomials. Then every element non-zero t in $\mathbb{F}_2((\frac{1}{T}))$ can be expanded in a unique way in a convergent Laurent series $t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\mathfrak{v}(t)} t_j T^j$ where $t_j \in \mathbb{F}_2$. We associate to the infinity valuation $\mathfrak{v} = \mathfrak{v}_\infty$ the absolute value $|\cdot|_\infty$ defined by

$$|t|_\infty = |t| = 2^{-\mathfrak{v}(t)}.$$

We denote E the Character of the additive locally compact group $\mathbb{F}_2((\frac{1}{T}))$ defined by

$$E\left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\mathfrak{v}(t)} t_j T^j\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t_{-1} = 0, \\ -1 & \text{if } t_{-1} = 1. \end{cases}$$

We denote \mathbb{P} the valuation ideal in \mathbb{K} , also denoted the unit interval of \mathbb{K} , i.e. the open ball of radius 1 about 0 or, alternatively, the set of all Laurent series

$$\sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i T^{-i} \quad (\alpha_i \in \mathbb{F}_2)$$

and, for every rational integer j , we denote by \mathbb{P}_j the ideal $\{t \in \mathbb{K} \mid \mathfrak{v}(t) > j\}$. The sets \mathbb{P}_j are compact subgroups of the additive locally compact group \mathbb{K} .

All $t \in \mathbb{F}_2((\frac{1}{T}))$ may be written in a unique way as $t = [t] + \{t\}$, $[t] \in \mathbb{F}_2[T]$, $\{t\} \in \mathbb{P} (= \mathbb{P}_0)$.

We denote by dt the Haar measure on \mathbb{K} chosen so that

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}} dt = 1.$$

$$\text{Let } (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_1)} \alpha_j^{(1)} T^j, \sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_2)} \alpha_j^{(2)} T^j, \dots, \sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_n)} \alpha_j^{(n)} T^j \right) \in \mathbb{K}^n.$$

We denote ψ the Character on $(\mathbb{K}^n, +)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_1)} \alpha_j^{(1)} T^j, \sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_2)} \alpha_j^{(2)} T^j, \dots, \sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_n)} \alpha_j^{(n)} T^j\right) &= E\left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_1)} \alpha_j^{(1)} T^j\right) \cdot E\left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_2)} \alpha_j^{(2)} T^j\right) \cdots E\left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-\nu(t_n)} \alpha_j^{(n)} T^j\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha_{-1}^{(1)} + \alpha_{-1}^{(2)} + \dots + \alpha_{-1}^{(n)} = 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \alpha_{-1}^{(1)} + \alpha_{-1}^{(2)} + \dots + \alpha_{-1}^{(n)} = 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

1.1. **Computation of the number $\Gamma_i^{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix} \times 2}$ of n -times persymmetric $n \times 2$ rank i matrices.**

Set $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \left(\sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(1)} T^{-i}, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(2)} T^{-i}, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(3)} T^{-i}, \dots, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(n)} T^{-i} \right) \in \mathbb{P}^n$.

We denote by $D^{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix} \times 2} (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ the following $n \times 2$ n -times persymmetric matrix over the finite field \mathbb{F}_2

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} \\ \alpha_1^{(2)} & \alpha_2^{(2)} \\ \alpha_1^{(3)} & \alpha_2^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_1^{(n)} & \alpha_2^{(n)} \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{rank}}{\sim} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_n \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \dots & \beta_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ be the exponential sum in \mathbb{P}^n defined by

$$(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \longrightarrow \sum_{\deg Y \leq 1} \sum_{\deg U_1 \leq 0} E(t_1 Y U_1) \sum_{\deg U_2 \leq 0} E(t_2 Y U_2) \dots \sum_{\deg U_n \leq 0} E(t_n Y U_n).$$

Then

$$f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = 2^{n+2-\text{rank}} \left[D^{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix} \times 2} (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \right]$$

Hence the number denoted by R_q of solutions

$$(Y_1, U_1^{(1)}, U_2^{(1)}, \dots, U_n^{(1)}, Y_2, U_1^{(2)}, U_2^{(2)}, \dots, U_n^{(2)}, \dots, Y_q, U_1^{(q)}, U_2^{(q)}, \dots, U_n^{(q)}) \in (\mathbb{F}_2[T])^{(n+1)q}$$

of the polynomial equations

$$\begin{cases} Y_1 U_1^{(1)} + Y_2 U_1^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_1^{(q)} = 0 \\ Y_1 U_2^{(1)} + Y_2 U_2^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_2^{(q)} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ Y_1 U_n^{(1)} + Y_2 U_n^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_n^{(q)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

satisfying the degree conditions

$$\deg Y_i \leq 1, \quad \deg U_j^{(i)} \leq 0, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n \quad 1 \leq i \leq q$$

is equal to the following integral over the unit interval in \mathbb{K}^n

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}^n} f^q(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_n.$$

Observing that $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is constant on cosets of \mathbb{P}_2^n in \mathbb{P}^n the above integral is equal to

$$(1.1) \quad 2^{q(n+2)-2n} \sum_{i=0}^2 \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix}^{\times 2} 2^{-iq} = R_q$$

From (1.1) we obtain for $q = 1$

$$(1.2) \quad 2^{2-n} \sum_{i=0}^2 \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix}^{\times 2} 2^{-i} = 2^n + 2^2 - 1$$

We have obviously

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{i=0}^2 \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix}^{\times 2} = 2^{2n}$$

Combining (1.2), (1.3) we get

$$(1.4) \quad \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix}^{\times 2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (2^n - 1) \cdot 3 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 2^{2n} - 3 \cdot 2^n + 2 & \text{if } i = 2 \end{cases}$$

From (1.1), (1.4) we obtain :

$$R_q = 2^{(q-2)n} \cdot [2^{2q} + 2^{2n} + 3 \cdot (2^{n+q} - 2^q - 2^n) + 2]$$

1.2. Computation of the number $\Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3}$ of n-times persymmetric $2n \times 3$ rank i matrices.

Set $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = (\sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(1)} T^{-i}, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(2)} T^{-i}, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(3)} T^{-i}, \dots, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(n)} T^{-i}) \in \mathbb{P}^n$.

We denote by $D \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \times 3$ (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) the following $2n \times 3$ n -times persymmetric matrix over the finite field \mathbb{F}_2

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} \\ \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \alpha_4^{(1)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(2)} & \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} \\ \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} & \alpha_4^{(2)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(3)} & \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} \\ \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} & \alpha_4^{(3)} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(n)} & \alpha_2^{(n)} & \alpha_3^{(n)} \\ \alpha_2^{(n)} & \alpha_3^{(n)} & \alpha_4^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ be the exponential sum in \mathbb{P}^n defined by $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \longrightarrow$

$$\sum_{\deg Y \leq 2} \sum_{\deg U_1 \leq 1} E(t_1 Y U_1) \sum_{\deg U_2 \leq 1} E(t_2 Y U_2) \dots \sum_{\deg U_n \leq 1} E(t_n Y U_n).$$

Then

$$f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = 2^{2n+3-\text{rank} \left[D \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \times 3 \right] (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)}$$

Hence the number denoted by R_q of solutions

$$(Y_1, U_1^{(1)}, U_2^{(1)}, \dots, U_n^{(1)}, Y_2, U_1^{(2)}, U_2^{(2)}, \dots, U_n^{(2)}, \dots, Y_q, U_1^{(q)}, U_2^{(q)}, \dots, U_n^{(q)}) \in (\mathbb{F}_2[T])^{(n+1)q}$$

of the polynomial equations

$$\begin{cases} Y_1 U_1^{(1)} + Y_2 U_1^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_1^{(q)} = 0 \\ Y_1 U_2^{(1)} + Y_2 U_2^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_2^{(q)} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ Y_1 U_n^{(1)} + Y_2 U_n^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_n^{(q)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

satisfying the degree conditions

$$\deg Y_i \leq 2, \quad \deg U_j^{(i)} \leq 1, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n \quad 1 \leq i \leq q$$

is equal to the following integral over the unit interval in \mathbb{K}^n

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}^n} f^q(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_n.$$

Observing that $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is constant on cosets of \mathbb{P}_4^n in \mathbb{P}^n the above integral is equal to

$$(1.5) \quad 2^{q(2n+3)-4n} \sum_{i=0}^3 \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} 2^{-iq} = R_q$$

From (1.5) we obtain for $q = 1$

$$(1.6) \quad 2^{3-2n} \sum_{i=0}^3 \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} 2^{-i} = 2^{2n} + 2^3 - 1$$

We have obviously

$$(1.7) \quad \sum_{i=0}^3 \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} = 2^{4n}$$

From the fact that the number of rank one persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 is equal to three we obtain using combinatorial methods that:

$$(1.8) \quad \Gamma_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} = (2^n - 1) \cdot 3$$

Combining (1.6), (1.7) and (1.8) we get

$$(1.9) \quad \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (2^n - 1) \cdot 3 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 2^{4n} - 7 \cdot 2^{2n} + 6 \cdot 2^n & \text{if } i = 3 \end{cases}$$

Generalization:

Let $s_j \geq 2$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, denote by $D \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ the following $(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j) \times 3$ n-times persymmetric matrix over the finite field \mathbb{F}_2

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} \\ \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \alpha_4^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+2}^{(1)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(2)} & \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} \\ \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} & \alpha_4^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+1}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+2}^{(2)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(3)} & \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} \\ \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} & \alpha_4^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_3}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+1}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+2}^{(3)} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(n)} & \alpha_2^{(n)} & \alpha_3^{(n)} \\ \alpha_2^{(n)} & \alpha_3^{(n)} & \alpha_4^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_n}^{(n)} & \alpha_{s_n+1}^{(n)} & \alpha_{s_n+2}^{(n)} \end{array} \right)$$

Let $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ be the exponential sum in \mathbb{P}^n defined by
 $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \longrightarrow$
 $\sum_{\deg Y \leq 2} \sum_{\deg U_1 \leq s_1 - 1} E(t_1 Y U_1) \sum_{\deg U_2 \leq s_2 - 1} E(t_2 Y U_2) \dots \sum_{\deg U_n \leq s_n - 1} E(t_n Y U_n).$

Then

$$f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = 2^{\sum_{i=1}^n s_i + 3 - \text{rank} \left[D \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \right]_{\times 3}} (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$$

Hence the number denoted by R_q of solutions

$$(Y_1, U_1^{(1)}, U_2^{(1)}, \dots, U_n^{(1)}, Y_2, U_1^{(2)}, U_2^{(2)}, \dots, U_n^{(2)}, \dots, Y_q, U_1^{(q)}, U_2^{(q)}, \dots, U_n^{(q)})$$

of the polynomial equations

$$\begin{cases} Y_1 U_1^{(1)} + Y_2 U_1^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_1^{(q)} = 0 \\ Y_1 U_2^{(1)} + Y_2 U_2^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_2^{(q)} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ Y_1 U_n^{(1)} + Y_2 U_n^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_n^{(q)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

satisfying the degree conditions

$$\deg Y_i \leq 2, \quad \deg U_j^{(i)} \leq s_j - 1, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n \quad 1 \leq i \leq q$$

is equal to the following integral over the unit interval in \mathbb{K}^n

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}^n} f^q(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_n.$$

Observing that $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is constant on cosets of $\prod_{j=1}^n \mathbb{P}_{s_j+2}$ in \mathbb{P}^n the above integral is equal to

$$(1.10) \quad 2^{q(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + 3) - \sum_{j=1}^n s_j - 2 \cdot n} \sum_{i=0}^3 \Gamma_i^{\begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times 3} 2^{-iq} = R_q$$

From (1.10) we obtain for $q = 1$

$$(1.11) \quad 2^{3-2n} \sum_{i=0}^3 \Gamma_i^{\begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times 3} 2^{-i} = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j} + 2^3 - 1$$

We have obviously

$$(1.12) \quad \sum_{i=0}^3 \Gamma_i^{\begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times 3} = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + 2n}$$

From the fact that the number of rank one persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 is equal to three we obtain as above using combinatorial methods :

$$(1.13) \quad \Gamma_1^{\begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times 3} = (2^n - 1) \cdot 3$$

Combining (1.11), (1.12) and (1.13) we get

$$(1.14) \quad \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (2^n - 1) \cdot 3 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + 2n} - 7 \cdot 2^{2n} + 6 \cdot 2^n & \text{if } i = 3 \end{cases}$$

We get from (1.14), (1.9) and (1.4) whenever $s_j \geq 2$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$

$$(1.15) \quad \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ \Gamma_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix}^{\times 2} = (2^n - 1) \cdot 3 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ \Gamma_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} = 7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + 2n} - 7 \cdot 2^{2n} + 6 \cdot 2^n & \text{if } i = 3 \end{cases}$$

Example. We obtain from (1.9) with $n=4$:

$$\Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 45 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 1650 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 63840 & \text{if } i = 3 \end{cases}$$

The number $\Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ (1) \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3}$ of rank i matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_5 & \alpha_6 & \alpha_7 & \alpha_8 & \alpha_9 \\ \alpha_6 & \alpha_7 & \alpha_8 & \alpha_{19} & \alpha_{10} & \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \alpha_{14} \\ \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \alpha_{14} & \alpha_{15} & \alpha_{16} & \alpha_{17} & \alpha_{18} & \alpha_{19} \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{rank}}{\sim} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_4 \\ \hline \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 \\ \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \beta_4 \\ \hline \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \gamma_3 \\ \gamma_2 & \gamma_3 & \gamma_4 \\ \hline \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \mu_3 \\ \mu_2 & \mu_3 & \mu_4 \\ \hline \delta_{11} & \delta_{12} & \delta_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

is equal to

$$2^i \cdot \Gamma_i^{\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right] \times 3} + (2^3 - 2^{i-1}) \cdot \Gamma_i^{\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right] \times 3} \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq \inf(3, 9) \text{ see [2]}$$

That is

$$\Gamma_i^{\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ (1) \end{smallmatrix} \right] \times 3} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 97 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 6870 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 5177320 & \text{if } i = 3 \end{cases}$$

1.3. **Computation of the number $\Gamma_i^{\left[\begin{smallmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{smallmatrix} \right] \times 4}$ of n-times persymmetric $(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j) \times 4$ rank i matrices whenever $s_j \geq 3$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$.** Denote

by $D^{\left[\begin{smallmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{smallmatrix} \right] \times 4}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$

the following $(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j) \times 4$ n-times persymmetric matrix over the finite field \mathbb{F}_2

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \alpha_4^{(1)} \\ \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \alpha_4^{(1)} & \alpha_5^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+2}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+3}^{(1)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(2)} & \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} & \alpha_4^{(2)} \\ \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} & \alpha_4^{(2)} & \alpha_5^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+1}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+3}^{(2)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(3)} & \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} & \alpha_4^{(3)} \\ \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} & \alpha_4^{(3)} & \alpha_5^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_3}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+1}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+2}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+3}^{(3)} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(n)} & \alpha_2^{(n)} & \alpha_3^{(n)} & \alpha_4^{(n)} \\ \alpha_2^{(n)} & \alpha_3^{(n)} & \alpha_4^{(n)} & \alpha_5^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_n}^{(n)} & \alpha_{s_n+1}^{(n)} & \alpha_{s_n+2}^{(n)} & \alpha_{s_n+3}^{(n)} \end{array} \right)$$

Let $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ be the exponential sum in \mathbb{P}^n defined by
 $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \longrightarrow$

$$\sum_{\deg Y \leq 3} \sum_{\deg U_1 \leq s_1 - 1} E(t_1 Y U_1) \sum_{\deg U_2 \leq s_2 - 1} E(t_2 Y U_2) \dots \sum_{\deg U_n \leq s_n - 1} E(t_n Y U_n).$$

Then

$$f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + 4 - \text{rank} \left[D \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times 4 \right] (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)}$$

Hence the number denoted by R_q of solutions

$$(Y_1, U_1^{(1)}, U_2^{(1)}, \dots, U_n^{(1)}, Y_2, U_1^{(2)}, U_2^{(2)}, \dots, U_n^{(2)}, \dots, Y_q, U_1^{(q)}, U_2^{(q)}, \dots, U_n^{(q)})$$

of the polynomial equations

$$\begin{cases} Y_1 U_1^{(1)} + Y_2 U_1^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_1^{(q)} = 0 \\ Y_1 U_2^{(1)} + Y_2 U_2^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_2^{(q)} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ Y_1 U_n^{(1)} + Y_2 U_n^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_n^{(q)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

satisfying the degree conditions

$$\deg Y_i \leq 3, \quad \deg U_j^{(i)} \leq s_j - 1, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n \quad 1 \leq i \leq q$$

is equal to the following integral over the unit interval in \mathbb{K}^n

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}^n} f^q(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_n.$$

Observing that $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is constant on cosets of $\prod_{j=1}^n \mathbb{P}_{s_j+3}$ in \mathbb{P}^n the above integral is equal to

$$(1.16) \quad 2^{q(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + 4) - \sum_{j=1}^n s_j - 3 \cdot n} \sum_{i=0}^4 \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times 4 \quad 2^{-iq} = R_q$$

From (1.16) we obtain for $q = 1$

$$(1.17) \quad 2^{4-3n} \sum_{i=0}^4 \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times 4 \quad 2^{-i} = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j} + 2^4 - 1$$

We have obviously

$$(1.18) \quad \sum_{i=0}^4 \Gamma_i \left[\begin{matrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{matrix} \right]_{\times 4} = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + 3n}$$

From the fact that the number of rank one persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 is equal to three we obtain as above using combinatorial methods :

$$(1.19) \quad \Gamma_1 \left[\begin{matrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{matrix} \right]_{\times 4} = (2^n - 1) \cdot 3$$

We assume now:

$$(1.20) \quad \Gamma_i \left[\begin{matrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{matrix} \right]_{\times 4} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ \Gamma_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{matrix} \right]_{\times 2} = (2^n - 1) \cdot 3 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ \Gamma_2 \left[\begin{matrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right]_{\times 3} = 7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 & \text{if } i = 2, \end{cases}$$

To justify our assumption (1.20) for $i=2$ we remark that:

- The number of rank two persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 is equal to $7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 = 7 \cdot 2^2 - 9 \cdot 2^1 + 2 = 12$ for $n=1$ [see (1), (2)]
- The number of rank two double persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 is equal to $7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 = 7 \cdot 2^4 - 9 \cdot 2^2 + 2 = 78$ for $n=2$ [see (3)]
- The number of rank two triple persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 is equal to $7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 = 7 \cdot 2^6 - 9 \cdot 2^3 + 2 = 378$ for $n=3$ [see (4)]

Combining (1.18), (1.19) and (1.20) we state that the number $\Gamma_i \left[\begin{matrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{matrix} \right]_{\times 4}$ of n -times persymmetric $(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j) \times 4$ rank i matrices is equal to :

$$(1.21) \quad \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (2^n - 1) \cdot 3 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 15 \cdot 2^{3n} - 21 \cdot 2^{2n} + 3 \cdot 2^{n+1} & \text{if } i = 3, \\ 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + 3n} - 15 \cdot 2^{3n} + 7 \cdot 2^{2n+1} & \text{if } i = 4 \end{cases}$$

Example. We have for $n = 3$, $s_1 = s_2 = s_3 = 3$.

$$\Gamma_i^{\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}\right] \times 4} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 21 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 378 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 6384 & \text{if } i = 3, \\ 255360 & \text{if } i = 4 \end{cases}$$

See (4)

Example. We have for $n = 4$, $s_1 = s_2 = s_3 = 4$.

$$\Gamma_i^{\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}\right] \times 4} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 45 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 1650 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 56160 & \text{if } i = 3, \\ 268377600 & \text{if } i = 4 \end{cases}$$

Hence the number R_4 of solutions

$$(Y_1, U_1^{(1)}, U_2^{(1)}, U_3^{(1)}, U_4^{(1)}, Y_2, U_1^{(2)}, U_2^{(2)}, U_3^{(2)}, U_4^{(2)}, Y_3, U_1^{(3)}, U_2^{(3)}, U_3^{(3)}, U_4^{(3)}, Y_4, U_1^{(4)}, U_2^{(4)}, U_3^{(4)}, U_4^{(4)}) \in (\mathbb{F}_2[T])^{20}$$

of the polynomial equations

$$\begin{cases} Y_1 U_1^{(1)} + Y_2 U_1^{(2)} + Y_3 U_1^{(3)} + Y_4 U_1^{(4)} = 0 \\ Y_1 U_2^{(1)} + Y_2 U_2^{(2)} + Y_3 U_2^{(3)} + Y_4 U_2^{(4)} = 0 \\ Y_1 U_3^{(1)} + Y_2 U_3^{(2)} + Y_3 U_3^{(3)} + Y_4 U_3^{(4)} = 0 \\ Y_1 U_4^{(1)} + Y_2 U_4^{(2)} + Y_3 U_4^{(3)} + Y_4 U_4^{(4)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

satisfying the degree conditions

$$\deg Y_i \leq 3, \quad \deg U_j^{(i)} \leq 3, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq 4, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 4.$$

is equal to

$$2^{52} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^4 \Gamma_i^{\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}\right] \times 4} 2^{-4i} = 2^{45} \cdot 527243$$

2. COMPUTATION OF THE NUMBER $\Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_j \\ \vdots \\ s_j \end{bmatrix} \times k$ OF N-TIMES
 PERSYMMETRIC $(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j) \times k$ RANK I MATRICES WHERE $s_j \geq k-1$
 FOR $1 \leq j \leq n$

Conjecture : Let $s_j \geq k-1$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$.

Set (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)

$$= (\sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(1)} T^{-i}, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(2)} T^{-i}, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(3)} T^{-i}, \dots, \sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i^{(n)} T^{-i}) \in \mathbb{P}^n.$$

We state that the number $\Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_j \\ \vdots \\ s_j \end{bmatrix} \times k$ of rank i n- times persymmetric matrices

over the finite field \mathbb{F}_2 of the below form denoted by $D \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times k (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(1)} & \alpha_k^{(1)} \\ \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_k^{(1)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+1}^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_{s_1+k-2}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+k-1}^{(1)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(2)} & \alpha_2^{(2)} & \dots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(2)} & \alpha_k^{(2)} \\ \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} & \dots & \alpha_k^{(2)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+1}^{(2)} & \dots & \alpha_{s_2+k-2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+k-1}^{(2)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(3)} & \alpha_2^{(3)} & \dots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(3)} & \alpha_k^{(3)} \\ \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} & \dots & \alpha_k^{(3)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_3}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+1}^{(3)} & \dots & \alpha_{s_3+k-2}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+k-1}^{(3)} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(n)} & \alpha_2^{(n)} & \dots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(n)} & \alpha_k^{(n)} \\ \alpha_2^{(n)} & \alpha_3^{(n)} & \dots & \alpha_k^{(n)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_n}^{(n)} & \alpha_{s_n+1}^{(n)} & \dots & \alpha_{s_n+k-2}^{(n)} & \alpha_{s_n+k-1}^{(n)} \end{array} \right)$$

is equal to

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} i \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix} \times (i+1) = (2^{i+1} - 1) \cdot 2^{in} - 3 \cdot (2^i - 1) \cdot 2^{(i-1)n} + (2^{i-1} - 1) \cdot 2^{(i-2)n+1} \\ = (2^n - 1) \cdot (2^{n+1} - 1) \cdot 2^{i(n+1)-2n} - (2^n - 1) \cdot (2^{n-1} - 1) \cdot 2^{in-2n+1} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq k-1 \\ 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + (k-1)n} - (2^k - 1) \cdot 2^{(k-1)n} + (2^{k-1} - 1) \cdot 2^{(k-2)n+1} & \text{if } i = k \end{cases}$$

where $\Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} i \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix} \times (i+1)$ denote the number of rank i n -times persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 of the below form :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_i^{(1)} & \alpha_{i+1}^{(1)} \\ \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_{i+1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{i+2}^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_i^{(1)} & \alpha_{i+1}^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_{2i-2}^{(1)} & \alpha_{2i-1}^{(1)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(2)} & \alpha_2^{(2)} & \dots & \alpha_i^{(2)} & \alpha_{i+1}^{(2)} \\ \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} & \dots & \alpha_{i+1}^{(2)} & \alpha_{i+2}^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_i^{(2)} & \alpha_{i+1}^{(2)} & \dots & \alpha_{2i-2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{2i-1}^{(2)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(3)} & \alpha_2^{(3)} & \dots & \alpha_i^{(3)} & \alpha_{i+1}^{(3)} \\ \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} & \dots & \alpha_{i+1}^{(3)} & \alpha_{i+2}^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_i^{(3)} & \alpha_{i+1}^{(3)} & \dots & \alpha_{2i-2}^{(3)} & \alpha_{2i-1}^{(3)} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(n)} & \alpha_2^{(n)} & \dots & \alpha_i^{(n)} & \alpha_{i+1}^{(n)} \\ \alpha_2^{(n)} & \alpha_3^{(n)} & \dots & \alpha_{i+1}^{(n)} & \alpha_{i+2}^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_i^{(n)} & \alpha_{i+1}^{(n)} & \dots & \alpha_{2i-2}^{(n)} & \alpha_{2i-1}^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Application :

The number denoted by R_q of solutions

$$(Y_1, U_1^{(1)}, U_2^{(1)}, \dots, U_n^{(1)}, Y_2, U_1^{(2)}, U_2^{(2)}, \dots, U_n^{(2)}, \dots, Y_q, U_1^{(q)}, U_2^{(q)}, \dots, U_n^{(q)}) \in (\mathbb{F}_2[T])^{(n+1)q}$$

of the polynomial equations

$$\begin{cases} Y_1 U_1^{(1)} + Y_2 U_1^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_1^{(q)} = 0 \\ Y_1 U_2^{(1)} + Y_2 U_2^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_2^{(q)} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ Y_1 U_n^{(1)} + Y_2 U_n^{(2)} + \dots + Y_q U_n^{(q)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

satisfying the degree conditions

$$\deg Y_i \leq k-1, \quad \deg U_j^{(i)} \leq s_j-1 \text{ where } s_j \geq k-1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n, \quad 1 \leq i \leq q$$

is equal to

$$(2.2) \quad 2^{q(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + k) - \sum_{j=1}^n s_j - (k-1) \cdot n} \sum_{i=0}^k \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix}^{\times k} 2^{-iq} = R_q$$

Conditional proof :

Inspired by the results in subsection 1.3 we proceed as follows :

We assume that $\Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix}^{\times k}$ is equal to

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \\ \Gamma_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 2} = (2^n - 1) \cdot 3 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ \Gamma_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\times 3} = 7 \cdot 2^{2n} - 9 \cdot 2^n + 2 & \text{if } i = 2, \\ \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} i \\ \vdots \\ i \end{bmatrix}^{\times (i+1)} = (2^{i+1} - 1) \cdot 2^{in} - 3 \cdot (2^i - 1) \cdot 2^{(i-1)n} + (2^{i-1} - 1) \cdot 2^{(i-2)n+1} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq k-2 \end{cases}$$

To justify our assumption (2.3) we remark that our supposition is valid for n equal to one, two and three.

(1) The case $n = 1$

The number of rank i persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(1)} & \alpha_k^{(1)} \\ \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_k^{(1)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+1}^{(1)} & \dots & \alpha_{s_1+k-2}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+k-1}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

is equal to

$$(2^{i+1} - 1) \cdot 2^i - 3 \cdot (2^i - 1) \cdot 2^{i-1} + (2^{i-1} - 1) \cdot 2^{i-1} = 3 \cdot 2^{2i-2} \text{ [see (1), (2)]}$$

(2) **The case $n = 2$**

The number of rank i double persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} & \cdots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(1)} & \alpha_k^{(1)} \\ \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \cdots & \alpha_k^{(1)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+1}^{(1)} & \cdots & \alpha_{s_1+k-2}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+k-1}^{(1)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(2)} & \alpha_2^{(2)} & \cdots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(2)} & \alpha_k^{(2)} \\ \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} & \cdots & \alpha_k^{(2)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+1}^{(2)} & \cdots & \alpha_{s_2+k-2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+k-1}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^{i+1} - 1) \cdot 2^{2i} - 3 \cdot (2^i - 1) \cdot 2^{2(i-1)} + (2^{i-1} - 1) \cdot 2^{2(i-2)+1} \\ & = 21 \cdot 2^{3i-4} - 3 \cdot 2^{2i-3} [\text{see}(3)] \end{aligned}$$

(3) **The case $n = 3$**

The number of rank i triple persymmetric matrices over \mathbb{F}_2 of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^{(1)} & \alpha_2^{(1)} & \cdots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(1)} & \alpha_k^{(1)} \\ \alpha_2^{(1)} & \alpha_3^{(1)} & \cdots & \alpha_k^{(1)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_1}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+1}^{(1)} & \cdots & \alpha_{s_1+k-2}^{(1)} & \alpha_{s_1+k-1}^{(1)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(2)} & \alpha_2^{(2)} & \cdots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(2)} & \alpha_k^{(2)} \\ \alpha_2^{(2)} & \alpha_3^{(2)} & \cdots & \alpha_k^{(2)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+1}^{(2)} & \cdots & \alpha_{s_2+k-2}^{(2)} & \alpha_{s_2+k-1}^{(2)} \\ \hline \alpha_1^{(3)} & \alpha_2^{(3)} & \cdots & \alpha_{k-1}^{(3)} & \alpha_k^{(3)} \\ \alpha_2^{(3)} & \alpha_3^{(3)} & \cdots & \alpha_k^{(3)} & \alpha_{k+1}^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{s_3}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+1}^{(3)} & \cdots & \alpha_{s_3+k-2}^{(3)} & \alpha_{s_3+k-1}^{(3)} \end{pmatrix}$$

is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^{i+1} - 1) \cdot 2^{3i} - 3 \cdot (2^i - 1) \cdot 2^{3(i-1)} + (2^{i-1} - 1) \cdot 2^{3(i-2)+1} \\ & = 105 \cdot 2^{4i-6} - 21 \cdot 2^{3i-5} [\text{see } (4), (5)] \end{aligned}$$

Let $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ be the exponential sum in \mathbb{P}^n defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n \longrightarrow \\ & \sum_{\deg Y \leq k-1} \sum_{\deg U_1 \leq s_1-1} E(t_1 Y U_1) \sum_{\deg U_2 \leq s_2-1} E(t_2 Y U_2) \cdots \sum_{\deg U_n \leq s_n-1} E(t_n Y U_n). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + k - \text{rank} \left[D \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \right] \times k} (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$$

Hence the number R_q is equal to the following integral over the unit interval in \mathbb{K}^n

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}^n} f^q(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_n.$$

Observing that $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is constant on cosets of $\prod_{j=1}^n \mathbb{P}_{s_j + k - 1}$ in \mathbb{P}^n the above integral is equal to

$$(2.4) \quad 2^{q(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + k) - \sum_{j=1}^n s_j - (k-1) \cdot n} \sum_{i=0}^k \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times k 2^{-iq} = R_q$$

From (2.4) we obtain for $q = 1$

$$(2.5) \quad 2^{k - (k-1)n} \sum_{i=0}^k \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \times k 2^{-i} = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j} + 2^k - 1$$

We have obviously

$$(2.6) \quad \sum_{i=0}^k \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + (k-1)n}$$

From (2.6) and our assumption (2.3) we get :

$$(2.7) \quad \Gamma_{k-1} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k + \Gamma_k \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + (k-1)n} - \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k$$

$$= 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + (k-1)n} - [2^{(k-2)n} \cdot (2^{k-1} - 1) + 2^{(k-3)n} \cdot (2 - 2^{k-1})]$$

From (2.5) and our assumption (2.3) we obtain :

$$(2.8) \quad 2 \cdot \Gamma_{k-1} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k + \Gamma_k \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + (k-1)n} + 2^{(k-1)n} \cdot [2^k - 1] - \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} 2^{k-i} \Gamma_i \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k$$

$$= 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + (k-1)n} + 2^{(k-1)n} \cdot [2^k - 1] + 2^{nk-3n} \cdot [2^k - 2^2] + 2^{nk-2n} \cdot [2^2 - 2^{k+1}]$$

We deduce from (2.7) and (2.8) :

$$(2.9) \quad \Gamma_{k-1}^{\begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k} = 2^{(k-1)n} \cdot [2^k - 1] + 3 \cdot 2^{nk-2n} \cdot [1 - 2^{k-1}] + 2^{nk-3n+1} \cdot [2^{k-2} - 1]$$

$$(2.10) \quad \Gamma_k^{\begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix} \times k} = 2^{\sum_{j=1}^n s_j + (k-1)n} - (2^k - 1) \cdot 2^{(k-1)n} + (2^{k-1} - 1) \cdot 2^{(k-2)n+1}.$$

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